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1. At about 10 a.m. on 17 July 1952, an artillery unit was entrained at the Brandenburg (N53/K 23) railroad station.
- (1) On 22 and on 23 July, one train carrying about 50 new 2-ton trucks each arrived in Brandenburg. The trains were unloaded.

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2. At 5:10 p.m. on 22 July, 1 officer and 90 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying light field equipment and carbines arrived at the Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 62) railroad station.

3. On 22 July,   arrived in Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67), coming from the summer camp. He stated that the camp was located between Speck and Granzin (N 54/U 44), a walking distance of 20 minutes from Speck. He said that the personnel was still quartered in tents and that wooden buildings had only been constructed for headquarters, offices and messes. A German employee stated that, according to rumors among the Russians, the AT regiments would not return to Oranienburg but would move to the Olympisches Dorf in Doberitz in the fall of 1952. (3)

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4. On 22 July, about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets who apparently were recruits and carried full pack were entrained at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard. The train left in the direction of Muellrose at 6:30 p.m. About 500 soldiers   were recruits, marched from the installation on Breeskower Strasse to the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard on 25 July. They

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carried blankets and were unarmed. (4) A train carrying 30 new trucks was seen on the Seelow-Frankfurt/Oder line on 24 July. The train was at the same place on 28 July.

5. At 5 p.m. on 21 July, a train of 34 cars carrying seven canvas-covered guns which, [redacted] were 37-mm AA guns, a heavy caterpillar tractor, truck [redacted] and an undetermined number of boxcars with personnel stood at the Wildpark freight station near Potsdam, ready to depart toward the west. (5) At 5 p.m. on 23 July, a column of trucks was seen passing the Lange Bruecke in Potsdam and proceeding toward the middle of the town. All trucks seen were factory new.

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6. At 5 p.m. on 28 July, a train consisting of three boxcars each occupied by about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood at the Wildpark freight station, ready for departure. At 5:30 p.m. on 29 July, about 20 trucks [redacted] were loaded onto gondola cars at the Wildpark railroad station. About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood nearby.

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7. Loading operations seen at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) railroad station included:  
At 10 a.m. on 25 July. Eight boxcars with about 150 soldiers and equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 2 field kitchens and 32 trucks [redacted] the train departed in the direction of Britz at 11 a.m.  
Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 28 July. Fifteen boxcars with about 20 officers and equipment [redacted] belonged to a headquarters from the Schuetzen Kaserne and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 29 trucks, 18 sedans, 12 jeeps and 2 motorcycles. The train departed at 5:15 p.m. A second train consisting of 6 boxcars with about 80 officers and equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars with 32 trucks, 5 sedans, 4 jeeps, 3 radio trucks, and 4 field kitchens departed in the direction of Britz at 9:45 p.m.

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At 1 p.m. on 29 July. A train consisting of 16 boxcars with about 150 soldiers and equipment and of an undetermined number of flatcars with 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 field kitchens, 1 sedan, 2 motorcycles, and 26 trucks, [redacted]

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The train departed in the direction of Britz at 1:30 p.m. The troops were believed [redacted] to have come from the wood camp in Britz. (8)

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At noon on 26 July. Fifteen boxcars with about 80 soldiers, ammunition and equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 18 trucks, radio truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] were unloaded at the Eberswalde railroad station. (9)

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8. At 2 p.m. on 29 July, a tank practice involving eight JS-3 tanks and 15 SU-122 guns [redacted] was observed in forest sections 60 through 62 and 38 through 40 near Gross Doelin. (10)

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9. The barracks installation in Pasewalk (N 54/4 16) was vacated by Soviet troops during the period from 20 to 30 July and was occupied by Volkspolizei. (11)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) A report [redacted] indicated that an artillery unit of the 6th Arty Div from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was entrained for Altengrabow. [redacted]
- (2) The troops possibly were recruits for the Second Gds Meoz Army.
- (3) Units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US), including the regiment of Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov (fnu) who is known from previous reports, have hitherto been carried stationed in the Deutsch Forest north of Neustrelitz. These units only conducted firing with live ammunition in the Speck-Granzin area northwest of Neustrelitz. The Olympisches Dorf in Doberitz quarters, among other units, the 11th Gds AT Artz Brig (?) of the Fourth Gds Meoz Army which is now practicing in Templin.
- (4) Frankfurt/Oder is known as processing station for recruits arriving in Eastern Germany from the U.S.S.R.
- (5) [redacted] the train carried a unit of the 2d AAA Div. The train probably is the one which, according to [redacted] in Sperenberg, went to Neubukow on 21 July.
- (6) The column of motor vehicles belongs to the GOFG.
- (7) [redacted] the train carried a unit of the 34th Arty Div (US) which possibly went to Altengrabow.
- (8) The information indicates that components of the headquarters of the Fourth Gds Meoz Army and of the 63d AAA Div (US) were loaded on five trains for Eberswalde during the period from 25 to 29 July. Previous reports indicated that about five trains went from Eberswalde to Altengrabow during the same period. They probably are identical with those mentioned above. [redacted]
- (9) This train was unloaded by units of the Fourth Gds Meoz Army and is probably identical with one of the two trains which went from Justerbog to Eberswalde on 26 July 1952.
- (10) The tank practice was presumably conducted by units of the Fourth Gds Meoz Army stationed at the Templin troop training grounds nearby.
- (11) Reports [redacted] indicated that, in about mid-July 1952, the installation had been vacated by units of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div and that Volkspolizei would move in.

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